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March 7th, will be full days the entire rest of the session. And beginning the week of March 7th, the last day of the week, we will work through the noonhour, and this will be our regular procedure. I've...I've also handed this memo out to you, it should be on your desk for those of you who are trying to take notes. There will also be an e-mail and in your boxes. I also plan to release a consent calendar list some time next week for consideration late next week or early the following week after that. Also, if you have any constitutional amendments which you want to appear on the primary ballot, they need to be passed by the Legislature and to the Secretary of State no later than March 9th. Now at the present time I've only got two of those that are drafted for the primary ballot. If anyone else wants to do that, they need to come see me immediately. Mr. Clerk, we next move to legislative confirmation reports.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the report from the Health and Human Services Committee is found on page 768 of the Journal.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Chair of the Health Committee, Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report.

SENATOR JENSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, good morning. We have four confirmations that I'd like to bring forward from the Health and Human Services Committee. The first is Chris Peterson as Policy Secretary. Chris Peterson is from Grand Island, a graduate of Ord High School, former State Senator, appointed by Governor Johanns as Policy Secretary of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. Chris has a long and distinguished list of civic involvement and has demonstrated capacity for leadership. Working with her since June of '99, as Chairman of Health and Human Services Committee, has been a pleasure and has validated the wisdom of the Governor's choice. Chris personally appeared before the Health and Human Services Committee on February 16th, and the committee unanimously recommends her confirmation. The next is Dr. Linda Lazure, to the Board of Health. Dr. Lazure is a reappointment as a nurse representative to the Board of Health. She is currently employed at Creighton University School of Nursing. She received her Ph.D. in 1993, from University of Nebraska Medical Center. Linda has extensive experience as a nurse and as an educator of nurses. She has been appointed for a five-year term